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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, BG  
SSBJ: NEW ADVISOR FOR FOOD

REF: A) DACCA 3857; B) DACCA 3650

1. PRESIDENT ZIA JULY 14 APPOINTED ABDUL MOMEN KHAN, SECRETARY OF THE CABINET, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ADVISORS WITH THE PORTFOLIO OF FOOD. THE PORTFOLIO HAD BEEN HELD BY AIR VICE MARSHAL MAHMUD. AT THE SAME TIME MUHAMMAD KARAMAT ALI WAS NAMED CABINET SECRETARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON KHAN WAS PRINTED JULY 15 IN THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER: BEGIN UNCLAS TEXT: BORN IN 1915 IN CHARNAGARDI UNDER DACCA DISTRICT MR. ABDUL MOMEN KHAN OBTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM DACCA UNIVERSITY IN 1941. HE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF DACCA DISTRICT MUSLIM STUDENTS LEAGUE AND THE FIRST SPEAKER OF FAZLUL HAQ

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MUSLIM HALL IN 1940-41. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DACCA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL STUDENTS UNION (DUCSU) IN 1940-41. IN 1941 HE BECAME A LECTURER IN THE GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, CALCUTTA. KHAN JOINED THE BENGAL CIVIL SERVICE IN 1945 AND HELD SENIOR POSITIONS IN THE ERSTWHILE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT,

INCLUDING SECRETARY, WORKS, POWER AND IRRIGATION MINISTRY.  
AFTER LIBERATION HE WAS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOOD  
AND SECRETARY, PARLIAMENT SECRETARIAT.  
IMMEDIATELY BEFORE JOINING THE COUNCIL OF ADVISORS  
TO THE PRESIDENT, KHAN WAS SECRETARY, CABINET DIVISION TO  
WHICH POST HE WAS RE-EMPLOYED ON CONTRACT ON OCTOBER 1,  
1976.  
KHAN HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A NUMBER OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
COOPERATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.  
HE HAS TRAVELED ABROAD EXTENSIVELY.  
HE HAS ONE SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS. END UNCLAS TEXT.

3. KARAMAT ALI IS A SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT (1949 EXAMINATION)  
WHO HAD BEEN DENIED POSTS COMMENSURATE WITH HIS ABILITY  
AND SENIORITY DURING THE MUJIB REGIME.

4. COMMENT: THE NEW ADVISOR, WHOSE ADVANCEMENT HAD BEEN  
RUMORED (REF B), IS KNOWN TO SEVERAL USAID OFFICIALS  
AS A BUREAUCRATIC IN-FIGHTER, BUT ONE WHOSE ABILITY TO  
HANDLE THE IMPORTANT FOOD MINISTRY IS QUESTIONABLE.

5. COMMENT ON MAHMUD FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL.  
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